

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

## **MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court upon its own motion. Self-represented plaintiff Dominique Whitfield's civil complaint for money damages was received by the Court for filing on March 1, 2021. Doc. [1]. However, Plaintiff neither paid the \$402 court filing fee nor filed a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* (or without prepayment of fees or costs), along with a certified copy of his account statement. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). As such, the Court will allow Plaintiff twenty-one (21) days to either pay the full filing fee or file his motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* and account statement. His failure to do so in a timely manner will result in a dismissal of this action, without prejudice.

Accordingly,

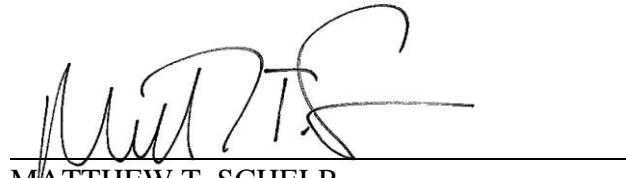
**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Clerk is directed to mail to Plaintiff a copy of the motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* form for prisoners.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiff must either pay the \$402 filing fee **or** submit a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* within twenty-one (21) days of the date of this Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if Plaintiff files a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, he must also file a certified copy of his prison account statement for the six-month period preceding the filing of the complaint.

**IT IS FINALLY ORDERED** that if Plaintiff fails to comply with this Order, the Court will dismiss this action without prejudice. If the case is dismissed for non-compliance with this Order, the dismissal will **not** count as a “strike” under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2021.



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MATTHEW T. SCHELP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE